

Moss Panel Wins Battle For Survival

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Rep. John Moss' Government Information subcommittee, which has sometimes stepped on bureaucratic toes in its crusades against government secrecy, has won its fight for survival.

Without a word of debate or a roll call vote yesterday, the House went along with a quiet compromise restoring \$225,000 of the \$325,000 cut from the budget of the subcommittee's parent Government Operations Committee.

Rep. William L. Dawson, D-Ill., chairman of the full committee, had announced previously that he had no choice but to abolish the Moss subcommittee because of the cut in the committee's budget from \$875,000 to \$550,000.

Dawson said the work of the subcommittee would be carried out by other subcommittees, but Moss and Republican members disputed that.

The cut had been imposed by the Administration Committee. In backstage negotiations, House leaders agreed to restore most of Dawson's money, allowing the Moss group to continue functioning.